



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION
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Dear Foster Parents:

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming elections for the Children's Administration Foster Parent Consultation Work Team (CAFPT). The CAFPT was previously identified both regionally and statewide as the Children's Administration 1624 Consultation Team.

Elections occur each year in the regions and CAFPT representatives are elected for two year terms on a staggered basis. Please nominate licensed foster parents from your area who are interested in sharing their time in representing foster parents from their region (you may nominate yourself, if you want to represent foster parents in your area).

The CAFPT was created in 2007 under Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1624. ESHB 1624 directs CA to "Consult at least quarterly with foster parents, including members of the foster parent association of Washington state, for the purpose of receiving information and comment regarding how the department is performing the duties and meeting the obligations specified in this section and RCW 74.13.250 and 74.13.320 regarding the recruitment of foster homes, reducing foster parent turnover rates, providing effective training for foster parents, and administering a coordinated and comprehensive plan that strengthens services for the protection of children. Consultation shall occur at the regional and statewide levels."

The Mission of the CAFPT is "to improve the well being and protection of all children in foster and relative care, and to enhance and strengthen services for children and caregivers in the state of Washington."

Please take a moment to consider nominating a licensed foster parent who is interested in helping shape our service delivery for children in foster care in Washington. Nominations are due by October 7, 2011.

Thank you for providing safe, loving homes for children in foster care.

Sincerely,

Denise Revels Robinson, Assistant Secretary
Children's Administration